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### BIRTHS

COBEN-To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cohen

# **ENGAGEMENTS**

MICHAELS—GLADSTONE—Mrs. J. Glad-sione announces engagement of her daugh-ter, Leah, to Mr. Samuel H. Michaels, Feb-ROBAN-BROWNSTEIN-Mrs. Etta Brownstein, of \$42 Beck st., Bronx, announces the betrothal of her daughter, Rits R., to William L. Rosan.

### MARRIAGES

MFERS-BENSON—John Platt Myers to Gertrude Whitman Benson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Henson, on Saturday afternoon, February 9, at the bride's home,

efeller, Ensign, U. S. N. R., son of Mr. and Mrs. William

### DEATHS

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-On Pebruary 7 William J., beloved d of Nellio V. Bowes. Funeral from e residence, 101 9th av., Monday, ry 10, at 9:30 a.m.; thenes to St. d's Church, West 14th st., where a mass of requiem will be celebrated.

b, at 1 p. m.

E-Captain Phineas P., F. A.,

N. A., at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in
year, son of Dr. and Mrs. Walter,
t, of Hyrn Mawr, Penn. Relatives
ends are invited to funeral at the
of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, at
Monday, February 11. Monday, February 11, Patrick, heloyed husband of the Collins (nee Graham). Funeral late residence, 2574 Webster av., y, February 11, at 9 a. m.; thence urch of Our Lady of Mercy, Auto-

mry 7, John, beloved hus-Egan (nee McNally) and y, County Roscommon, Ire from his late residence, 229 Sunday, February 10, at 1

p. m. Interment Calvary.

ELY On Saturday, February 9, 1918, in her

8th year, Gertrude Hardy, daughter of the
late Charles Wentworth and Ann Eliza
Herdy, of Portsmoath, N. H. and widew
of Dr. Smith Ely, of New York, N. Y.

wife of Herman and deserted Funeral at St. Peter's

Cemetery, 5t. Louis.

CHIFFIN —Suddenly, on February 7, Pauline, heloved wife of Samuel J. Griffin. Funeral services at her late home, 1107 Greenwod av., Richmond Hill. Monday, February 11, 2 p. m. Interment Cypress Hills Cemetery. HALLBECK On February 8, 1918, James Hallbeck, aged 80 years, native of Sweden. Funeral services Sunday, 1 p. m., at 420 East 106th st.

HOBART On Friday, February S. 1918. Sarah H. Hebart, in the 88th year of her age. Funeral service Sunday, February 10, at 4 p. m., at 421 Greene av., Brooklyn. Interment private.

KANE—February 8, Agnes, daughter of the late John and Jolia Knne, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. M. Connor, 166 East 67th st. Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, Monday, at 10 a. m. Kindly omit flowers. Interment private.

RLEIN - Cyril P. Klein, succenty, February 8, aged 23, nephew of Charles Klein, the playwright, and Manuel Klein, the composer. Funeral from the home of his mother, Mrs. George Binder, at Freeport Long Island, Sunday, February 10, 2 p. m. LUKACH - Marie, in her 88th xear, on February 7, beloved mother of Isidor W. Lukach, Services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, 112 Esst 93d st.

UDLOW—In Worcester, Mass., February 8, Josephine R. Swift Ludlow, wife of William G. Ludlow. Funeral private. LUQUEER Louis Hastings, on February 8, son of the late Robert S. Luqueer and Maria Louisa Taylor and husband of Carolyn Hart. Funeral services at Canandaigna N V

M'GOWN Mary A., in her 90th year of age, wife of the late Judge Henry P. McGown, beloved mother of Henry P. McGown and the Rev. William Knight McGown. Funeral service at her late residence, 1982 Madison av., on Monday. February 11, at 2. m. Interment Woodlawn.

Martin in New Brunswick, N. J., on Saturday, February 9, 1918, Maria Ross Martin, Joungest daughter of the Inte Johnson and Emma Ross Martin. Funeral services at her late home, on College av. New Brunswick, Tucsday, February 12, nt 2:30. Interment at convenience of the family.

MITCHELL George L. Mitchell, 251 Madison av., Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., died February 4, son of Mrs. H. F. Mitchell, of Peskakill, N. Y.

MEEK—Martha Loudon, wife of Charles E. Meek. Funeral services at her late residence, 335 Hancock st., Brooklyn, on Sunday February 10, at 3:30 p. m.

MESSING—On February 8, 1918, after a brief illness, Newman, widower of the late tather Messing. Survived by two sons, Maurice and Michael, and two daughters, Funeral Stinday at 2 p. m, at 96 Fountain two, Brooklyn. Interment Bayside Ceme-MorWitz—On Friday, February 8, Re-MorWitz—On Friday, February 9, Re-MorWitz—On Friday, February 9, Re-MorWitz—On Friday, February 9, Re-MorWitz—On Friday

MOROWITZ On Friday, February 8, Rebecca Morowitz. Funeral services on Sunday, February 10, at 11 a. m., from her late residence, 110 West 113th st. Relatives and friends invited.

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PIKE—At his home, 311 Mount Prospect av., Newark, N. J., on Thursday, February 7, 1918, Henry Hilton Pike, in his 32d year. Mass of requiem for the repose of his soul will be offered at St. Michael's Church, Newark, on Monday, February 11, at 10 o'clock.

### DEATHS

RIKER Mary J., beloved wife of Religions Riker, daughter of Maurice and Grace. Funeral from her late residence, 2662 Decatur av., Sunday, February 10, 7p. m.

RILEY—At Orange, N. J., February 9, 1918.
Josephine L. Mather, widow of John A. Riley, in the S4th year of her age, Funeral services at her residence, 195 Park av., Monday afternoon, February 11, at 4 o'clock. Interment at Cypress Hills Cemetery.

STAGG On the 6th inst., Charles Stagg, son of the late Ferdinand L. and Harriet L. Stagg. Funeral private. Stage. Funeral private.

STEPHENS—On Saturday, February 9, 1918.

Sarah Baxter, daughter of the late Henry Clay Stephens, in the 38th year of her age. Puneral services will be held in the Chapel of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church on Tuesday morning, February 12, at 10 o'clock. Interment private.

at 10 o'clock. Interment private.

STRONG—On Friday, February 8, at her residence, 580 East 22d st., Brooklyn, Mary L., wife of Isaac Smith Strong. Funeral services will be held at Grace Reformed Church, Lincoln Rond and Bedford av., on Sunday, February 10, at 2:30 p. m.

STURM—February 8, Leonard Etarm, in his 8th year, son of John and Jennie Sturm, Funeral from his parents's home, 2728 Creston av., Brons, Sunday, February 10, at 1:30 p. m. Interment Kensico Cemetery.

TODD—At Geean Grove, N. J., on Friday, February 8, 1918, Louis L. Todd, in his Sist year. Funeral services will be held at his late home, 72 Asbury av., Ocean Grove, N. J., on Sunday February 10, at 4 o'clock p. m. Interment at Perth Amboy, N. J., on Monday February 10, at 4 o'clock p. m. Interment at Perth Amboy, N. J., on Monday February 17, Margaret Tracy (nee Walsh), widow of Dennis Tracy, Funeral Monday, February 11, 10 a. m.; thence to Paulist Fathers' Church, 59th st., Columbus av. Interment Calvary.

WHEELER—On February 9, at his residence, 433 West 117th st., James R. Wheeler, Professor of Greek Archeology and Art at Columbia University, Funeral service at St. Paul's Chapel, Columbia University, on Monday, February 11, at 3 o'clock, Interment Harlington, Vt. Boston papers please copy.

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The opera was "Rigoletto," Mme. Galli-Curci appearing as Nedda for the first time in New York, and in it the Italian seprano won an instant and deserved success. Every singer has her detractors, and Mme. Galli-Curci is not a coloratura but a lyric soprano; in the second, that she frequently sings flat. The first charge is easily answered. Mme. Galli-Curci is certainly a lyric soprano, and one who has no peer today. But Mme. Galli-Curci an also give forth staccati, and runs and trills, if not with the brilliancy of a Melba or a Tetrazzini, yet with a grace and a taste and an ease which is altogether satisfying. She does not, perhaps, decorate the ceiling with the arabesques of fioratura, her florid passages being formed rather as the drops that rise from the main stream of a fountain, which seemingly float upon the air and are shot through by the sun into a thousand shifting colors. This floating multi-colored voice is the voice of Galli-Curci, a voice unique and unapproached in our present generation. It is also true, that Mme. Galli-Curci is solor trifling, so trifling when taken into consideration with her virtues that we simply didn't care. They were the flaws which prove the singer human. We are not ready yet for Mme. Galli-Curci to become prima donna assolutation to leave the consideration with her virtues that we simply didn't care. They were the flaws which prove the singer human. We are not ready yet for Mme. Galli-Curci to become prima donna assolutation to cuty the strantian and the rise of the soundest of counsellors. Renault was known throughout to strange and an innocent girl.

Mille the stram railroads and the interurban lines, especially the New York Central, the Oneida and Uties and the Auburn lines were cirpled in an unprecedented manner, traffic conditions in the city were still more servee, car service being practically at a standstill for modification in the city were still more servee, car service being read and assembling and traffic conting the conditions in the city were still divise the

acted like a Gilda. Mme. Galli-Curci neither bounced nor rumbled about the stage. She was a young, a charming and an innocent girl.

The Rigoletto was Riccordo Stracciari, who once was a barytone with a wobble and a member of the Metropolitan Opera Company. That was ten years ago, and the wobble has disappeared and the barytone has grown into a matured and finished artist. The voice itself is not a sensuously beautiful one, as it has a throaty quality which destroys its richness and resonance. He uses it, however, with great skill in phrase. As an actor he is excellent, and in his great scene of the "Vendetta Tromenda" is really suburb. That artists of his quality and of that of Mme. Galli-Curci should undertake to repeat this scene robbed of its power and sincerity. The Chicago Opera Company is not a circus. Encores are well in their place but their place is estimated. and sincerity. Ine Chicago Opera Company is not a circus. Encores are well in their place, but their place is not in the climatic scene of an opera; not, in fact, in an opera at all. Mr. Campanini's company has for this purpose been provided with the Hippodrome on Sunday nights.

The less said about the Duke of Juan Nadal the better that the company is not seen that the company is not seen

Nadal the better, but Vittorio Arimondi, despite his more than sixty years, sang Sparafucile with the voice of a man of thirty. With the exception of the tenor, the performance was more evenly rounded than any the Chicaso company has yet eigher with the cago company has yet given, with the exception of "Pelleas" and "Monna Vanna."

The evening opera was "Aïda," with Mmes. Raisa and Van Gordon and MM. Lamont, Rimini, Arimondi and God-The huge audience which went to hear Mme, Galli-Curci did not prevent an equally huge one going at the same time to hear Mr. Caruso. The Metropolitan opera was "Marta," with Mr. Caruso at his best, and ably assisted by Mr. De Luca, Miss Hompel and Mme. Perini. In the evening "Saint Elizabeth" was repeated, with the usual cast, which included Mme. Easton and Mr. Whitehill.

# Shuberts Buy Theatre

## They Purchase Boston Grand Opera House in Back

Bay Section The Shuberts announced yesterday that they had purchased the Boston Grand Opera House. The first engagement to be held there under the new ownership will be that of the Chicago Grand Opera Company, following the termination of its engagement at the Lexington Opera House. The Boston Opera House is in the fashionable Back Bay district of that city. It has been more or less a centre of musical activity there ever since it was built by Eben B, Jordan, a well known merchant.

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In their announcement the Shuberts In their announcement the Shuberts intimate that, following the grand opera season in Boston, it is likely they will make several spectacular productions, something the sizeof the stage at the opera house makes possible.

## The Weather Report

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The cyclonic depression central Friday night in the middle Mississippi Valley has advanced to Eastern Maine. It was attended by general rains in Atlantic Coast districts south of Massachiaetts and snows in Northern Maine and Northern New York.

Temperature has risen considerably in Eastern districts, and also in the Missouri Valley and the Cransdian Northwest.

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Except for local rains in the seather in the Washington forecast district will be generally fair during the next forty-eight house properties in the middle and south Atlantic and east Guif states, but, in assumen as the temperature is now considerably above the seasonal average in these districts, the contitions.

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Forecasts for Special Localities,—Eastern New York, Southern New England, Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey—Fair and slightly colder to-day; fair to-morrow. Northern New England—Snow to-day; fair to-morrow, not much change in temperature. record from the Weather Bureau shows temper-atures durin the last twenty-four hours, in com-

Highest temperature yesternay, 36 (at 9 p. m.); lowest, 25 (at 3 a. m.); average, 30; average same date last year, 40; average same date for thirty-three years, 30.

Lecal Official Ferecast.—Fair and slightly colder o-day: to-morrow fair; moderate west winds.

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# Upstate Is Swept By Hail and Sleet In Bad Shape, Says

SYRACUSE, Feb. 9 .- Central, western and northern New York had hardly recovered to-night from the effects of the hail and steet storm that swept over these sections of the state early this morning.

Steam and electric railroads are Steam and electric railroads are still crippled. Most trains are running far behind their schedules and several of the interurbun lines are at a standstill. Telephone and telegraph company poles, as well as those of electric light corporations, were snapped off, leaving Syraouse and other places in this section virtually isolated. Wire Service that was completely interrupted early in the day was partfally resumed in the afternoon, but up to a late hour to-night communication had not been restored to normal conditions. Wires of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company in central New Wires of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company in central New York were out of commission early in the day, more than 250 poles in this vicinity being reported down. The Western Union and the Postal Telegraph companies reported great difficulty in maintaining communication to outside points.

While the steam railroads and the interurban lines, especially the New

a generation had regarded him as one of the soundest of counsellors. Recently he had been studying a project for an international league of nations Louis Renault was born in Autun in

# Louis Renault was born in Autun in 1843. He was educated at Dijon and Paris. In 1894 he was president of the Institute of International Law. In 1907 the Nobel Peace Prize was divided between M. Renault and Ernesto Moneta, an Italian. Mrs. M. C. Gregory

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Mrs. M. C. Gregory died to-day at the home here of her son, Attorney General Thomas W. Gregory. She was more than eighty years old, and had been ill for a month. The body will be sent to Columbus, Miss, where funeral services will be held Wednesday.

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# **New Commissioner** John N. Harman Attacks Administration of His

Predecessor

Brooklyn's Parks

John N. Harman, Park Commissioner of Brooklyn, in a report submitted to Mayor Hylan yesterday declared that the park system of Brooklyn was in bad shape and added "the effect of the neglect will be visible to the public

Mr. Harman stated that it would be unjust to the present administration "if it were not clearly understood at the outset that the neglect to which they are directly related occurred in the prior administration.

"In Prospect Park, in the last two years, 1,500 trees have been removed, of which there has been no replacement," said the report, "and large ment," said the report, "and large areas of shrubbery and plantations have decayed for lack of proper care and replenishment. Rocky Pass, which three years ago had an abundance of fine trees, valuable evergreen and deciduous shrubs and vines, is now in ruins. On Ocean Parkway for two years no effort has been made to conserve the arborage by replacing dead trees.

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"The diversion of funds appropriated for maintenance to the numerous construction projects for which neither funds nor authorization had been obtained from the Board of Estimate was a contributing cause. Another factor not negligible was the laxity of police protection, which, by allowing heedless or mischievous visitors to mutilate trees, break down shrubbery and uproot vines and plants, helped to bring about the deplorable condition indicated."

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"The explanation of the failure to maintain the roadways and arborage of the park system." Commissioner Harman said, "appears in the number and variety of the new pieces of construction upon which the department embarked without authorization of funds. The whole emphasis of administrative effort was upon new constructions, and, while this would have been commendable had there been proper authorization of funds, the pursuance of this policy at the expense of the fundamental interests of the park system made inevitable the situation that now reveals itself."

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The Commissioner declared that the new structures were neither cheaply nor efficiently built. The reconstruction of the "Picnic House" in Prospect Park cost the city \$20.355, he said, when the work could have been done under contract for \$8,000. The report declared that "administrative laxity" had injuriously affected the operations of the department storehouse, and "the value of the contents fell from \$51,000 on December 31, 1917."

He also included an indictment against the financial system of the department, which he said was demoralized.

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 9.

William L. Smith

DANBURY, Conn., Feb. 9.—William

L. Smith, of Flint & Smith, publishers of "The Danbury News," died suddenly to-day. He was a half brother of the late James Montgomery Bailey, and on Mr. Bailey's death in 1904 became one of the owners of the paper.

Dr. Lyman Curtis Bryan

BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 9.—Dr. Lyman Curtis Bryan died to-day at Lausanne. He had long been a resident of Switzerland and was considered one of the highest dental authorities in Europe. He was born in Kentucky in 1852.

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